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PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 03806.0578

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Vesna BIBEROVIC et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1623
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Application No.: 10/680,934	)	Examiner: Leigh C. MAIER
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Filed: October 8, 2003	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 6025
For: MIXTURES OF	)	
POLYSACCHARIDES DERIVED	)	
FROM HEPARIN, THEIR	)	
PREPARATION AND	)	
PHARMACEUTICAL	)	
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING	)	
THEM	)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants now respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 19, 2006, the period for response having been extended to June 19, 2006, by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

In the Restriction Requirement the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C.

§ 121 between:

Group I - Claims 1-12, 46, 47 and 49-53, drawn to a mixture of sulfated oligosaccharides derived from heparin;

Group II - Claims 13-45, drawn to a method of preparing a mixture of sulfated oligosaccharides derived from heparin; and

Group III - Claim 48, drawn to a method of treating/preventing a variety of disease/conditions.

In response, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-12, 46, 47 and 49-53, drawn to a mixture of sulfated oligosaccharides derived from heparin, with traverse.

M.P.E.P. § 803 states: "If the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." Applicants submit that the search and examination of Groups I, II, and III together would not impose a serious burden. Thus, the subject matter of the claims is related and can be efficiently searched together. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

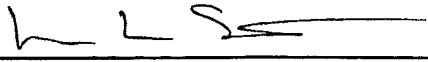
In the event that the requirement is maintained, Applicants request that the claims of Groups II and III be rejoined with the claims of Group I upon a determination that the claims of Group I are allowable, and that all of the claims be examined together in this application at that time, as dictated by M.P.E.P. 821.04.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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